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A cross-country POL pipeline has been identified in North Vietnam for the first time on photography of [REDACTED]. The pipeline, apparently still under construction, is located approximately 13 nautical miles (nm) west of Vinh and extends from 18-44-48N 105-28-55E to 18-27-00N 105-39-10E for a distance of 21.5 nm. Pipelines have been observed in the Hanoi-Haiphong area but they have been relatively short and lead from off-loading areas to nearby storage areas. A pipeline of the type observed west of Vinh could substantially assist in the flow of POL to the South. It would also prove difficult to interdict [REDACTED].

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The northern end of the pipeline terminates in a POL storage area containing eight buried storage tanks dispersed along a road. Each buried tank is connected to a main pipeline; however, no main pumping facility is observed.

The pipeline, with short portions on the ground and the remainder buried, extends south-southeast, crossing under the Song Ca at 18-37-25N 105-32-30E and under the Song Giang at 18-32-30N 105-34-25E. Before crossing the rivers the pipeline splits, joining again on the opposite bank (Figure 1).

The southern end of the pipeline terminates in a POL storage area under construction which consists of eight tanks connected to the main pipeline and 21 excavations for additional storage tanks (Figure 2).

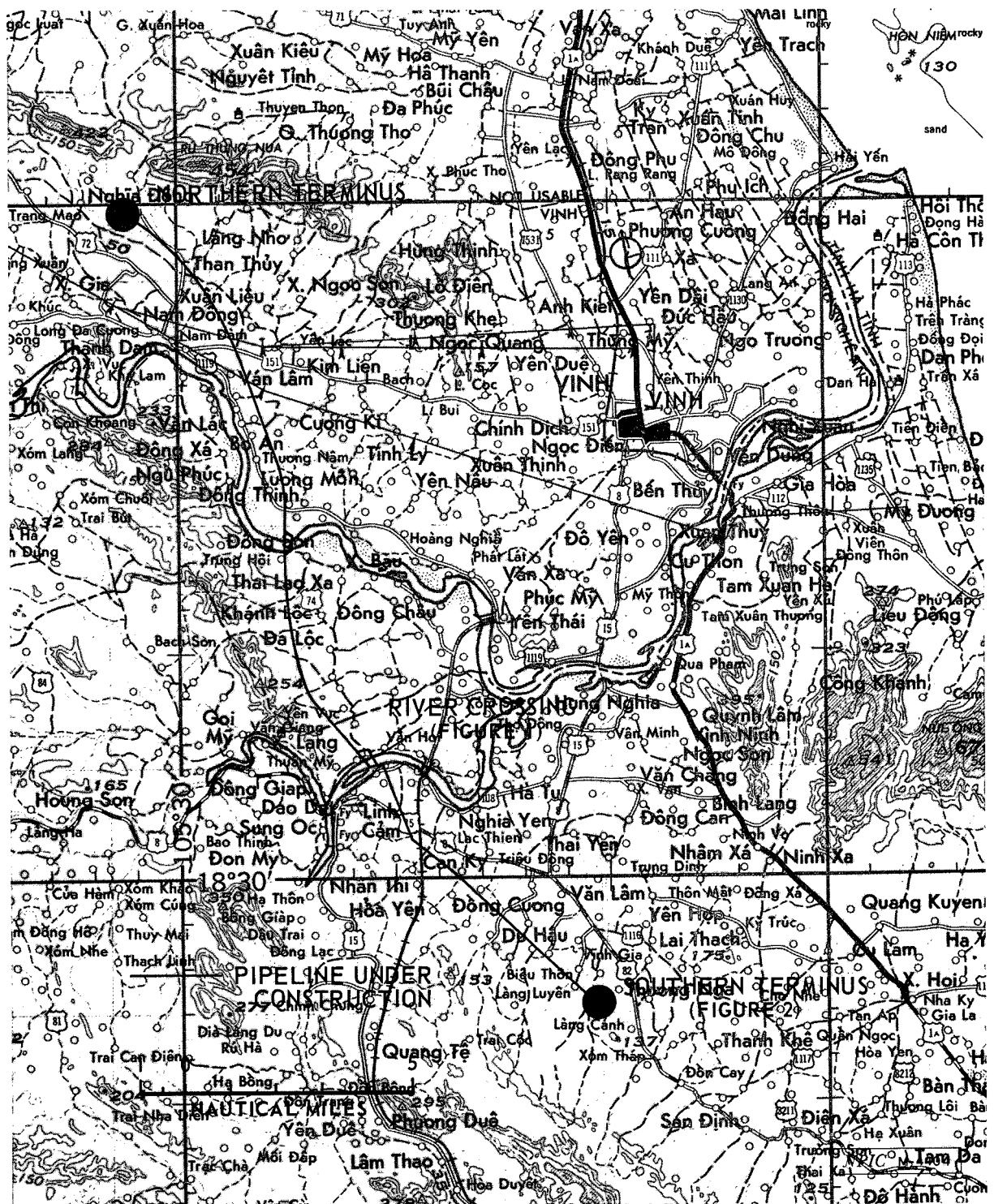
Photography from [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] revealed no evidence of pipeline construction.

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FIGURE 1. PIPELINE CROSSING THE SONG GIANG

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FIGURE 2. POL STORAGE AREA UNDER CONSTRUCTION

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